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To: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

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Subject: Application No. : 09/729,154 Confirmation No.: 3076  
Applicant : Chen-Hua Yu  
Filed : 12/04/2000  
Art Unit : 2812  
Examiner : R. E. Pompey  
Docket No. : TSMC97-510BC  
Title : A Shallow Trench Isolation Process For Reduced  
Junction Leakage

### RESPONSE TO FINAL PATENT OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

10 In response to the Office Action dated November 14, 2003, please amend  
the above-identified application for patent as follows:

#### CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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Date 1/14/04

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page **3** of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page **4** of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page **8** of this paper.